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# USSR PUSHES MILITARY PREPARATIONS IN BALTIC

London, 19 June-- Informed sources have disclosed that the Soviet Union is working at top speed to repair the Baltic air bases devastated during the last war, which extend from the Gulf of Finland to Denmark.

British experts also disclose that the USSR is at the same time refitting the German fleet.

The Soviet Union has Kiala [approximation from Arabic] and Viipuri in the Gulf of Finland, which are fit for use as ship-construction centers and submarine bases. On the northern Soviet Russian coast, the USSR has Kronstadt and Leningrad, and on the southern coast, Narva and Barmuthin [approximation from Arabic]. In addition, the Soviet Union dominates the German port of Konigsberg, known today as Kaliningrad, and is carrying on vast preparations in the port of Kiel.

Recent reports reaching London indicate that USSR authorities are strengthening their fleet in the Baltic. It is believed that this fleet comprises one battleship, five cruisers, several cruisers equipped with torpedoes, and between 150 and 200 submarines, half of which are of the modern type.

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